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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

Douglas Petroff  
Federal Programs Section – Office of Land Quality  
Indiana Department of Environmental Management  
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Indianapolis, IN 46204-2251

SR-6J

Re: The USS Lead Superfund Site, East Chicago, Indiana

Dear Mr. Petroff:

I am writing to notify the State of Indiana that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has begun negotiations with potentially responsible parties regarding the implementation of the remedial design and remedial action for certain portions of the USS Lead Superfund Site in East Chicago, Indiana. This notification is made in accordance with the National Contingency Plan and Section 121(f)(1)(F) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, 42 U.S.C. Section 9621(f)(1)(F). The State of Indiana is welcome to participate in such negotiations and be a party to any settlement.

The USS Lead Superfund Site was listed on the National Priorities List on April 8, 2009. Between 2009 and 2012, EPA conducted a Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (RI/FS). The RI/FS formed the basis for the issuance by EPA of a Record of Decision. On November 30, 2012, EPA issued its Record of Decision for the Site, which describes the remedial actions that should be taken at a portion of the Site to protect human health and the environment.

On January 14, 2014, EPA sent a Supplemental General Notice Letter to representatives of Atlantic Richfield Company (ARC) and E.I. du Pont de Nemours and Company (DuPont), a copy of which is enclosed. On that same day, EPA and the U.S. Department of Justice sent ARC and DuPont a confidential settlement offer. On February 20, 2014, ARC and DuPont sent the government a confidential response. Negotiations between EPA, DOJ, ARC and DuPont are scheduled to resume in late March 2014.

If you or your management have questions about this matter or would like to become actively involved in the negotiations, please do not hesitate to contact me. I may be reached at (312) 353-8983.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Berkoff". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Michael" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Berkoff".

Michael Berkoff  
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Enclosure

Cc: Annette Lang, DOJ  
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